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INDUCTION OF LCA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the views being expressed that the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) will become outdated by the time it is inducted in IAF; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) The indigenously developed Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) is state-of-the-art fighter aircraft.Its design is based on advanced technologies of any contemporary fighter aircraft like fly-by-wire, digital flight control system, unstable configuration, advanced composites, mission computer and digital cockpit. With these frontline technologies, LCA will not be obsolete at the time of induction and exploitation.

(b) Does not arise.